

Calendar OF EVENTS

April 9

Consolidated General Election

www.barrington-il.gov

April 12, 7:00 p.m.

Youth Arts Alive

Barrington High School

May 4, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Barrington Area Kids Fest

Citizens Park

May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 & June 5

Senior Law Enforcement Academy

Garlands of Barrington

www.TheGarlands.com

May 11, 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Mother's Day 5k Run/ Walk

Lake Street/ Grove Avenue

May 25 & 26, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Barrington Art Festival

Downtown Barrington

www.EnjoyBarrington.com

May 26, 8:00 a.m.

Dash to Cure Diabetes

Citizens Park

May 27, 10:30 a.m.

Memorial Day Parade

Downtown Barrington

May 30, 6:30 p.m.

Cruise Night Begins

Downtown Barrington

Municipal Election

The Consolidated General Election will be held Tuesday, April 9, 2013 from 6:00 a.m. through 7:00 p.m. Although it seems that the election season has just ended, it's time to vote again!

On April 9th, the candidates on the ballot will be:

Village President (Vote for One)

Karen Darch

Village Clerk (Vote for One)

Adam Frazier

Village Trustee (Vote for Three)

Pete Douglas

Sue Padula

Tim Roberts

One of the most rewarding civic duties in which an individual can participate is voting. Although voting is not a mandatory civic duty, it is critical if you want a voice. Please make the effort to vote!



Barrington Art Festival

May 25 & 26

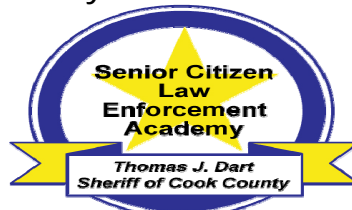
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Amdur Productions proudly kicks off its 30th season with the Barrington Art Festival on Memorial Day weekend. FREE and open to the public, the Barrington Art Festival will offer the work of 120 juried artists from around the world in a variety of mediums, including ceramics, fiber, glass, jewelry, metal, photography, watercolors, wood, and more.

In addition to the incredible artwork available for purchase at the festival, guests will be able to enjoy live music throughout the weekend. Epicurean delights will also be available at the festival. Activities for kids make the Barrington Art Festival the perfect family experience.



**Cook County Sheriff Thomas J. Dart &
the Barrington Police Department
invite you to attend the**



- Learn how to protect yourself from crime
- Learn how to communicate with law enforcement
- Understand con games & scams targeted at seniors
- Understand the functions of the Cook County Jail & Courts
- All participants honored at a Graduation Ceremony & Reception

To register or receive more information,
Please call The Garlands of Barrington at 847-304-1996
or the Cook County Sheriff's Office at 708-974-6042

Classes meet on Wednesdays

May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

June 5

1:30 - 3:30 P.M.

**Hosted at
The Garlands of Barrington
1000 Garlands Lane in Barrington**



PUBLIC MEETINGS

APRIL

01	Committee of the Whole	6:00 pm
02	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 pm
03	Ethics Board	6:30 pm
08	Committee of the Whole	6:00 pm
08	Board of Trustees	8:00 pm
09	Plan Commission	7:00 pm
10	Cultural Commission	12:00 pm
11	9-1-1 Phone System	8:30 am
11	Foreign Fire Tax	9:00 am
11	Architectural Review	7:00 pm
16	Bike & Pedestrian Com	7:00 pm
22	Committee of the Whole	6:00 pm
22	Board of Trustees	7:00 pm
23	Police Pension	5:30 pm
23	Plan Commission	7:00 pm
25	Architectural Review	7:00 pm

MAY

06	Committee of the Whole	6:00 pm
07	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 pm
08	Cultural Commission	12:00 pm
09	Foreign Fire Tax	9:00 am
09	Architectural Review	7:00 pm
13	Committee of the Whole	6:00 pm
13	Board of Trustees	8:00 pm
14	Plan Commission	7:00 pm
15	Firefighters Pension	7:00 pm
21	Bike & Pedestrian Com	7:00 pm
23	Sesquicentennial Com	7:00 pm
23	Architectural Review	7:00 pm
28	Plan Commission	7:00 pm

Call (847) 304-3400 for more information.

BARRINGTON PREPARED

2013

CHALLENGING STUDENTS TO LEAD THE WAY



PREPARING FOR DISASTERS AS A COMMUNITY
& GIVING AS A COMMUNITY.
GET INVOLVED!

STUDENTS

• VISIT BARRINGTONROTARYCLUB.ORG (BARRINGTON PREPARED 2013 LINK) to download your disaster knowledge kit. Click your age group!

• PREPARE A DISASTER KIT, and plan with your family during this week. Post pics on Facebook.

• MAKE FRONT YARD SIGNS to spread the word in your neighborhood to get 100% prepared!

SPONSORED BY THE BARRINGTON NOON ROTARY CLUB

A message from
Karen Darch,
President of the
Village of Barrington

State of The Village

The following State of the Village was given at the Board of Trustees Meeting held March 18, 2013.

Tonight's State of the Village address is in many ways as easy as A, B, C.

There were more A's in Village accomplishments in 2012 than even in its bond rating. The first "A" is for the Administrative Adjudication program which was implemented in July 2012. Local ordinance violation cases have been heard by our administrative judge at the Village Hall ever since. Not only has it been well received by the community because of the convenience and lower cost of attending court here, it has been a time and cost saver for the Village in terms of otherwise having to send staff to Rolling Meadows for prosecution. Additionally, recently one of our sister Villages, Lake Barrington, has entered into an agreement with us so it may avail itself of our administrative adjudication process in Barrington to the benefit of both of our Villages.

A second "A" is for ash trees, as we passed our emerald ash borer policy early in 2012 to address the issues brought on by that little green invader. Our policy is directed at a removal of diseased trees and replanting to create a better overall, varied Village tree canopy, as well as allowing treatment of significant ash trees to further curb the destruction of this blight which the Midwest is experiencing.

Cost savings for homeowners was the result of "A" number three – aggregation of electrical supply. Taking advantage of changes in Illinois law which allowed municipalities to seek a competitively priced electrical supply contract on an opt-out basis for its residents, the Village was able to create a program and negotiate a contract which started savings for Village households in August of 2012. As we saw earlier on the "by the numbers" page, this has resulted in an average monthly savings of twenty-six dollars for each household in our program.

The much anticipated return of Ace Hardware to our Village caps our list of A's for 2012. Since the former Ace departed from the town five years ago, every community survey, town hall meeting, not to mention many private conversations, included the longing for a new hardware store. After many, many hours and much interaction with various hardware entities over several years our Village staff was pleased to help John and Noni Brown with the process to open their Ace Hardware store in November on Northwest Highway in the former Fisher Nuts/ Home Economist site.

In addition to our A's other wonderful accomplishments over the last year have been achieved. The opening in Barrington of Heinen's Finer Foods store has been a terrific win for the community, and perhaps part of the reason our sales tax receipts were up again for 2012. We were honored to be the first location for Heinen's outside of its Cleveland, Ohio area market.

Volunteers, working together and with our supportive Village staff and sponsoring businesses have made Barrington an even more exciting place this year. A new Bike and Pedestrian Plan was prepared by our hard working well versed Bike and Pedestrian Committee in response to the many thoughts we heard about the desire for more pathways throughout the Village as we completed our Comprehensive Plan in 2011.

The Cultural Commission has hit its stride in the last year and was instrumental in supporting the third annual and ever popular Barrington Art Festival, our holiday activities and recently added the wildly successful Oscar nominated short-film afternoon at the Catlow.

As we count down toward our 2015 150th Birthday, the Sesquicentennial Committee has been gearing up over the last year and is well on its way to planning a great celebratory year.

The sometimes under-sung heroes serving on our Village Boards and Commissions were again responsible for significant work that moved our Village forward and we thank them for it. At the end of 2012, Plan Commission and Architectural Review Commission members spent many hours reviewing the plans for our much awaited Barrington Center Project.

The B's of our last year can best be described as a willingness to continue to Buck the trends and not accept Business as usual when there is a better way for Barrington to do something.

Topping this list would be our continued work on the CN freight increase issue. As those who have been attuned to this now five-plus year saga, the willingness of Barrington and our other TRAC member communities to engage in the acquisition review process, petition to require a complete environmental impact statement for the acquisition and advocate in the agency and legal process in this case have resulted in unprecedented millions of dollars being paid to communities for mitigation. Some communities came to terms with CN, using our group action as leverage, and other communities have been awarded mitigation by the Surface Transportation Board as confirmed by federal court.

For Barrington, probably the most impacted community along the CN/ EJ&E line, as our four roads which cross the track (Lake Zurich Road, Route 14, Route 59, and Lake-Cook Road/ Main Street) are well travelled, are the routes to the nearest hospital and all cross the tracks at grade, the saga continues. Thus far we have received a CN paid for quiet zone completed at Route 59, which ended the constant horn blasting through the Village, some as yet untested limited monitoring capability for our CenCom dispatch, and a three million dol-

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State of The Village Continued

lar+ TIGER II grant for the phase 1 engineering for a grade separation at Route 14 and the CN/ EJ&E crossing. During 2012 that phase 1 project got underway with the Village as lead agency working with IDOT, FHWA, EPA, CN and other interested parties. Our Citizens Advisory Group, representing people from neighborhoods near the crossing and other community members, was selected and met in 2012, and open house meetings for the public also began. Next month, the Citizens Advisory Group will meet again to consider grade separation options and a public open house will follow two weeks later.

As the oversight period for the CN acquisition continues at the STB until January 2015, Barrington has continued to work to mitigate the impact of what by 2015 will be 20 freight trains, possibly 10,000 feet plus, per day through town. Our petition for a CN funded underpass based on post-acquisition evidence is in the legal process, and our petition for rule-making to address tank car defects (which in increasing numbers carry ethanol and oil through the Village), was filed in 2012 with the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Administration (PHMSA).

Our ongoing oversight and research on CN rail operations and those drivers of it have been critical to our ability to understand what lies ahead and the importance of being proactive rather than just reactive, which in this area particularly can be a dead end. News stories like the production of the tar sands oil in Alberta, Canada and CN's newly forged agreements with gulf coast refiners, or the non-approval of the Keystone pipeline project all portend implications for Barrington's rail traffic. While we may not be able to turn it away, knowledge and action have been our best hope for dealing with it.

Closer to home, in Springfield, Illinois, Barrington has joined with others to buck the trend of business as usual and continued to push for protection of local government revenues which residents pay and we use to provide local services, in the face of the State's grab for these revenues as it has failed to get its own fiscal house in order. Again, this past year and currently, local governments have implored the state to address pension reform including local government public safety pensions for which we do not make the rules or set benefit amounts, but are required to pay out of locally held and guaranteed funds. Local governments have continued to refuse to sit idly by and just become collateral damage in the state's financial fiasco.

A third area in which we were not satisfied with business as usual is in the area of service delivery. Our quest for more efficient and effective service delivery continues. In addition to cost savings from the electrical aggregation and administrative adjudication programs, we continue to use new technology to achieve better results. For 2012, the number of false fire alarms in the Village was down 37% from 2011. This can be directly attributed to a switchover from phone line transmitted fire alarms to a newer technology – radio transmitted fire alarms. And speaking of fire, as discussed in my newsletter column in November 2012 the Village must consider all of the costs of each department as we look to run government affordably, efficiently, and well. As we work toward a new Intergovernmental Agreement with the Barrington Countryside Fire Protection District, uppermost in our minds is providing for your safety, and doing so in a way which recognizes the reality of the service which must be delivered and creates a structure which properly apportions the present costs and legacy costs of this service between the Village and District residents.

An electronic records management software system was acquired in 2012 making digitization of old records and creation of new digital documents possible over the next few years. Also, the Village's radio utility meter reading software gives the Village staff ability to notify customers of unusual spikes in consumption – perhaps indicating an undetected problem – before they receive a large water bill. Finally, we continued to refine the pay by phone parking options in our commuter parking lot in order to make things more convenient for our customers.

"C" stands for cooperation, and in 2012, the need for the Village of Barrington to cooperate and work with our local, regional and statewide partners was never more apparent. This is Barrington's year to chair the Barrington Area Council of Governments and with our BACOG partners we continue to pursue research on our water quality and quantity studies as the water for all of our area comes from our shared shallow aquifer system, not Lake Michigan. BACOG, as well as other regional councils of government, including the Northwest Municipal Conference of which Barrington is also a founding member, have joined with county governments outside of Cook County and as far away as DeKalb and Kendall counties to work together as the Northwest Water Planning Alliance. Our bimonthly meetings in Elgin over the past two years have been an opportunity for the group, all of whom are non-Lake Michigan water users, to share information, best practices, and conservation techniques. The alliance has recommended conservation practices to our local governments and has just been awarded a Technical Assistance grant to further study our water supply all in an effort to understand the supply and protection of our all-important water resources.

Barrington also works with the 278 municipalities in our Chicagoland region through the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus. It is my pleasure currently to serve as chair of the Caucus executive board, alongside the Vice-Chair Mayor Tom Weisner of Aurora, Illinois' second largest city, and our Secretary Mayor Rahm Emmanuel of Chicago, of course our largest Illinois city. As a large regional group, we have worked together in support of or against legislation or rule making that effects municipalities. We have received grant money, such as that which Barrington received to do our tree survey, the basis for our Emerald Ash Borer policy, or acquire electrical efficiency at our wastewater treatment plant. The Caucus also addresses other issues facing our region such as business development opportunities or regional transportation needs. Whether Barrington has been for or against any issue, our seat at the table has given us a voice which has not always been the case in prior years.

With our colleagues statewide, through the Illinois Municipal League, and the Pension Fairness for Illinois Coalition, which includes business as well as municipal interests, we have continued to press the issue of pension reform. Our goal is to have our state legislature, which has control of this issue, including our local pensions, address this issue in a way to make it affordable and sustainable, not another kick the can down the road problem. We have been pressing this issue for the last several years and hope to see reform this year from Springfield.

As we move through 2013, we should recall that it was 150 years ago in 1863, in the middle of the Civil War, that our forebears decided that Barrington should become an incorporated Village. In 1865, that status was recognized by the State of Illinois, ergo our Sesquicentennial celebration planned for 2015. As we look back we must also focus on making our present and future something our descendants will be proud of 150 years from now.

We completed 2012 in good financial condition with infrastructure and efficiency improvements, cost savings for our residents, more economic development and a positive sense of community. It is a tried and true second set of ABC's which we all recognize to be important, which will guide us in the months and years ahead - An Attitude that keeps us striving to make Barrington a great place to live, work, and play, and ready to meet the challenges that will inevitably come our way; Budgeting carefully to be certain to remain in the black and be ready for those rainy days; and Caring always about how the decisions made or not made will impact our community in the short and long run.

The involvement of our business, cultural and philanthropic community, residents and friends from the area and beyond has made for vitality, heart and fun in our Village. The dedication of our many, many citizen volunteers has enabled charitable work and the work of self-governance to move forward. That latter work has been supported by the endless effort, innovation and patience of all of our Village staff. Our department heads and their capable leader, our tireless Village Manager, Jeff Lawler, have made a huge difference in the successful outcome of many projects which you, the Village Board of Trustees have initiated, embraced and fostered. This year's finished product and our responsible forward focus have paved the way for a bright future. It is as clear as A, B, C.

Thank you.

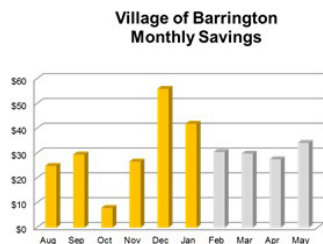
Village News You Can Use

Savings From Electrical Aggregation

The State of Illinois deregulated electricity in 1997 but included a residential rate freeze which was effective through 2007. After the rate freeze expired and electricity prices dramatically increased, the State passed a law allowing municipalities to aggregate electricity purchases for the entire community to help residents save money on their electricity bills. In order to provide residents with the most affordable utility prices available, the Village of Barrington began investigating electrical aggregation options and service providers in 2011. After performing the appropriate due diligence through the 2011 electrical aggregation referendum and a Request for Proposal process, the Village entered into a Power Supply Agreement with MC Squared Energy Services, LLC (MC2), on May 24, 2012. MC2 offered the lowest cost bid and the best customer service to accommodate resident's needs.

Electrical aggregation works by automatically enrolling all residents and small businesses in the program. Residents not wishing to participate are free to opt out at any time. Similarly, residents not currently enrolled in the process are encouraged to contact the Village Hall to discuss their eligibility for opting in.

It has been estimated that utilizing MC2 electrical aggregation services will bring 27% to 43% in savings to customers who previously received their power supply from Commonwealth Edison (ComEd). MC2 provides the actual power supply and savings are only derived from that portion of a utility bill, transmission charges remain constant whether a customer participates in the program or not. Currently, the MC2 rate for power supply is 4.739 cents per kWh which is 46% less than ComEd's current rate for power supply of 8.8 cents per kWh. The average savings for residents throughout the program's duration from September 2012 to May 2013, is estimated to be \$317, or \$26 per month. From August 2012 through January 2013, the average monthly savings for residents has been \$31. The Village is encouraged by the tentative findings and hopeful for increased future savings to its residents. Please do not hesitate to contact the Village Hall for more information or MC2 directly at (855) 575-9231.



Village Collecting Bottle Caps

The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC), which provides programs, resources, presentations and workshops to educate about solid waste technologies and the benefits of waste reduction practices, is collecting bottle caps of all sizes and colors to help a local school develop a mosaic out of bottle caps in conjunction with an art fair. Please drop off bottle caps at either Village Hall or Public Works during normal business hours. We appreciate your help!



From the desk of
Jeff Lawler,
Village Manager



Photo: Thomas Balsamo

It's Time to Weather the Storm

It is common knowledge that thunderstorms can produce rapidly changing and life threatening conditions, including lightning, heavy rains, flash floods, high winds, hail, and tornadoes. Because these types of storms have been in the forefront of news stories lately, our staff thought it would be a good idea to bring information about severe weather and our warning systems to your attention.

The Barrington Breakfast Rotary Club has graciously supplied the Village with ten lightning detection devices that are located at all local schools and parks. The local system is designed to predict a lightning strike within a defined area. When the conditions for a lightning strike exist, the system will give a 15-second blast on the horn cluster. If you hear the Lightning Prediction System activate, you should immediately seek shelter inside. Once the potential for a lightning strike has passed, the system will activate the horns for an all-clear signal - three short blasts - and the strobe light will go off. The lightning prediction system is the only local warning system that has an all-clear signal.

Only 1% of U.S. tornadoes reach "violent" intensity, yet those few result in 70% of all tornado deaths, as they did recently in Indiana and Missouri. Winds in these tornadoes can exceed 200 mph and can stay on the ground for an hour or more. If a tornado is spotted, take shelter in a substantial building, ditch, ravine, or other low spot (be cautious of flash flooding).

There are seven tornado warning sirens located within the Village. The steady tone is used to alert the public that a tornado has been sighted and is approaching the community. This tone will last three to five minutes. When the steady tone is heard during severe weather, you should immediately seek a place of shelter. After securing shelter, listen to cable TV, weather alert radios, or AM/FM radio stations for emergency information. There is NO all-clear siren tone. Listen to local radio or cable television for all-clear information. The outdoor warning sirens are tested the 1st Tuesday of every month at 10:00 a.m. If the steady tone is heard at any other time, it is a signal that an emergency is occurring within the community.

Watches and Warnings

Severe Thunderstorm Watch occurs when conditions are ideal for severe weather to develop.

Severe Thunderstorm Warning occurs when severe weather is imminent, seek shelter immediately.

For more information: call the Barrington Fire Department at 304-3600 or email jarie@barrington-il.gov.

Jeff Lawler
Village Manager



Keeping Barrington Green and Beautiful

Barrington Named "Tree City USA"



TREE CITY USA

Barrington is proud to be named a "Tree City USA" for the 27th consecutive year. The Tree City USA program, sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters, provides direction, technical assistance, public attention, and national recognition for urban and community forestry programs in thousands of towns and cities that more than 135 million Americans call home. The many benefits of being a Tree City include creating a framework for action, education, a positive public image, and citizen pride.

Arbor Day Celebration - Friday April 26

In celebration of Arbor Day on Friday, April 26, Commonwealth Edison will donate trees to be planted at area grade schools. The Public Works Department is providing tree saplings to be distributed to all 4th grade students as part of the celebration. The Council of Garden Clubs will give a presentation to students, where they will learn how trees produce food and energy for people and wildlife, how properly selected and planted trees conserve energy, and much more.

Be a Safe Bike Rider

As we approach another bike riding season here are a few bicycle safety and maintenance tips to help make bicycling more fun!

Just like driving a car there are rules for riding your bike:

- Ride on the right side of the road or trail, because drivers expect, and look for, other traffic on the right.
- Obey traffic laws—signs and signals, including stoplights.
- Look back before turning or moving left.
- Ride single file if there are cars behind you.
- Use hand signals to let drivers know what you are going to do.
- Be careful of people walking — warn them you are coming.
- Look out for cars backing up — They may not see you.
- Don't ride too close to parked cars.
- Feel unsafe? You can always walk your bike.

Properly maintaining your bicycle is vital to riding safely. Check it yourself before each ride with the ABC Quick Check:

AIR — pinch the tires, they should be hard, with good air pressure.

BRAKES — make sure they work and aren't rubbing the tire.

CRANK/CHAIN — if there are problems with your gears or if the chain is loose, take it to a bike shop for repairs

QUICK — check "quick release levers" and other bolts to make sure they are tight.

Finally your helmet should be worn the right way:

First, put on your helmet so it is level and snug — if it slides around, you need thicker pads.

EYES — you should see the very edge of your helmet when you look up past your eyebrow.

EARS — the straps should meet right under your ear to form a Y.

MOUTH — the strap should be loose enough so you can breathe and insert one or two fingers between the buckle and your skin, but tight enough that if you drop your jaw, you can feel the helmet pull down the top of your head.

See the Village's website for more information on the bicycle and pedestrian facilities within Barrington. For tips from the League of Illinois Bicyclists, visit their website at www.bikelib.org for more information.

The Barrington Conservation Trust is holding a Great Oaks Contest

Visit www.bactrust.org for details

Winners announced on
April 28, 2013

Spring Clean-Up Time is Here

With springtime upon us again it is time to clean up and attend to property maintenance issues. The Village has a Property Maintenance Code that is in effect to maintain a standard for which we all need to abide by to ensure that the quality of life for you, your neighbors, and the Village is upheld. For more information regarding property maintenance, please contact the Engineering and Building Department at (847) 304-3460 or visit the Village's website at www.barrington-il.gov.

Fire Hydrant Flushing Scheduled

April 21 - May 3 (10:30 p.m. - 7:00 a.m.)

Inverness: May 6 - 8 (7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.)

The Village conducts an annual flushing of the water distribution system to eliminate as much mineral content as possible from the domestic water supply. Fire hydrant flushing removes a considerable amount of loose mineral content and "settleable" solids that accumulate in the water supply system over a period of time. Fire hydrant flushing operations will be completed from April 21 through May 3, 2013 for residents in the Village, and from May 6 - May 8, 2013 for those areas we service outside of the Village (Inverness). Customers may experience discoloration, low water pressure, and rusty water during flushing operations. These symptoms may occur the entire two week flushing period, even when flushing may not be in your immediate area. Although water may be discolored, it is safe to drink; however, until the water runs clear, it is advisable to avoid washing clothes, especially white fabrics. Any questions regarding this subject should be directed to the Public Works Department at (847) 381-7903.



Spring Chipper Schedule

Monday, May 6 - North of Main Street

Monday, May 13 - South of Main Street

Please have all the material out to the curb by 7:00 a.m. on your designated Monday morning. The Chipper will make only ONE pass through your neighborhood. Branches may be up to 10" in diameter and at least 4' in length. Stack branches neatly in a long low pile on the parkway, with the cut end facing the curb. Public Works crews cannot pick up material on private property. The following items cannot be picked up: root balls & stumps; building materials; anything with nails, wire or bolts; any materials placed in a box or garbage can; grass; leaves; or any materials other than wooded branch materials. Remember to utilize your Groot yard waste tote throughout the season.



Cultural and Community News

Commitment: Stories of Lasting Love Through April

Garlands of Barrington

The Garlands of Barrington celebrates its 10th Anniversary with a tribute to its members in a photographic narrative exhibit. For more information, visit www.TheGarlands.com.

Barrington Area Spring Bird Hike

April 5, 2013, 8:00 a.m.

Beese Park

Get to know nearby nature with Barrington area naturalist Wendy Paulson. Cosponsored by Audubon Chicago Region and Citizens for Conservation. Walks are free and open to the public. Call (847) 328-1250 to RSVP.

Native Americans of Illinois

April 6, 2013, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Flint Creek Savanna

Visit www.citizensforconservation.org for more information and registration details.

Youth Arts Alive

April 12, 2013, 7:00 p.m.

Barrington High School

A special performance of young performing artists from throughout the community celebrating healthy choices to stay drug and alcohol free. Sponsored by Bataille Academie of the Danse, Barrington Children's Choir, Bel Canto Studios, Barrington Suzuki Strings, Barrington Youth Orchestra, Consolidated Music and the Barrington Youth Dance Ensemble.

Suzuki Strings Spring Concert

April 21, 2013, 3:00 p.m.

Barrington High School

Barrington Suzuki Strings presents Spring Concert. Also, the Barrington Youth Orchestra will perform Peter and the Wolf by Prokofiev. Call (847) 382-9517 for tickets.

Barrington Area Spring Bird Hike

April 22, 2013, 8:00 a.m.

Beese Park

Get to know nearby nature with Barrington area naturalist Wendy Paulson. Cosponsored by Audubon Chicago Region and Citizens for Conservation. Walks are free and open to the public. Call (847) 328-1250 to RSVP.

Texas Hold'Em Poker

April 27, 2013, 12:00 p.m.

Barrington Lions Club

\$2,500 gift card to first place winner, based on 100 players. Pre-registration fee is \$100. For details call Walt Vonau at (847) 382-1763 or wvonau@yahoo.com.

Swing It! Dance and Concert

April 27, 2013, 7:00 p.m.

Garlands of Barrington

Head back to the Swing Era as we celebrate the



Citizens for Conservation
Community Education Committee

Soils & Composting

Saturday, April 20, 2013
10 am (9:30 coffee & handouts)
Barrington Village Hall,
200 S. Hough St.

Composting: You want to compost, but you're not sure where to start. Let this program show you how to compost in your own backyard. We'll learn about soils and look at sound composting techniques, aiming to clear up the misconceptions that may be preventing you from composting.

Our featured presenter Sharon Ylesia will show you the environmental benefits of this simple process. Sharon is a lecturer at Illinois State University and has been a Horticulture Educator with University of Illinois Extension in Lake County for seventeen years. Her knowledge and expertise will appeal to gardeners as well as to those who love native plants.

Is composting Nature's way of converting "trash to treasure"? Come see for yourself! Please join us at the Village Hall on Hough Street Saturday morning.

Program fee is \$10.00 for non-members; CFC members attend for free as a benefit of membership.

Please RSVP to:
847-382-SAVE (7283) or to our email address at cfc@citizensforconservation.org

close of One Book One Barrington. Try swing dancing lessons, enjoy refreshments and listen to live band while you show off your moves. Open to all ages, register at www.balibrary.org.

Barrington Area Spring Bird Hike

April 29, 2013, 7:30 a.m.

Baker's Lake

Get to know nearby nature with Barrington area naturalist Wendy Paulson. Cosponsored by Audubon Chicago Region and Citizens for Conservation. Walks are free and open to the public. Call (847) 328-1250 to RSVP.

Creating a More Vibrant Barrington

Barrington Welcomes Wireless Zone

Wireless Zone, the nation's largest wireless retail franchise, has opened a new store at the corner of Northwest Highway and Lake Cook Road. Wireless Zone of Barrington is a technology retailer, offering all of the services offered by Verizon Wireless (phones, mobile internet, tablets and accessories and a whole lot more) in a locally owned and operated retailer. They provide personal service with wireless experts, trained to work with you to find the most suitable phone and plan for all of its customers along with friendly assistance in operating your new device. In addition to the devices you would expect to see in a wireless store, there is so much more.

As devices become more complex, customers need expert advice and attentive service and Wireless Zone of Barrington fills those needs. Stop by to look at the complete line of phones, accessories and other technology. The Wireless Zone of Barrington is open Monday - Saturday from 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., and on Sundays from 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



Barrington Welcomes New Coffee Vendor at Train Station

The Village is pleased to announce a new coffee vendor has been awarded the contract for the Barrington Train Station. The Trax Depot Café, will open for business the first of April with an expanded coffee service for the commuters. The owner, Wendy Burnette also operates the coffee shops at the Crystal Lake and Woodstock Train Stations. She will be providing a gourmet coffee service, expanding the availability of product to include espresso, smoothies, frappes and many other beverages while offering quality bakery items from well-known bakeries. The vendor will upgrade the vendor area and make available a small seating area for patrons to sit to enjoy their drinks while waiting for the train.

The Village issued a Request for Proposal in December 2012 for the solicitation of a coffee vendor for the Barrington Train Station. The Village received 5 proposals from interested vendors to lease space in the train station. After viewing the proposals, the Village selected The Trax Depot Café. The Café will occupy both of the vendor spaces available for lease and will expand coffee & food service for the commuters. The Village is excited to have this business as our coffee vendor. Stop in to experience what the new vendor has to offer.

Happy 23rd Anniversary Kooker's



Kooker's is celebrating their 23rd anniversary! Located at 228 W Northwest Highway, this Barrington classic is a favorite for old and young alike. Stop in and say "Hi" to Bill!

Did You Know?

There is an easy way to get timely alerts on local news such as emergency bulletins or crime alerts? Visit www.barrington-il.gov to get connected.



Village Vision

The vision of Barrington is to preserve and promote its unique small-town heritage, preserve its distinct ecological and historical character, provide a moral and safe environment, maintain a high quality of life through the efficient use of community resources, and respond to future challenges through citizen participation in all civic, social and cultural endeavors.

Water Main Construction Along Main Street

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The Village of Barrington is currently replacing the water main and storm sewer along Main Street from the Union Pacific/Metra Railroad to Spring Street. The project is expected to be completed in June. The first stage of the project will include the placement of new water main and storm sewer within the Main Street pavement. This portion of the construction is scheduled to occur during the overnight hours in order to minimize traffic impacts and impacts to local businesses. All traffic lanes will be open from early morning (in order to accommodate commuter train traffic) through the end of the evening rush period. With this overnight work, there will be construction noise during the overnight shifts, which is expected to last approximately four weeks. The next stage of the work will be in the Village Parking Lots #5 and #10 located on both sides of the Railroad behind Catch Penny. This portion of the work will require the temporary closure of these parking lots. During the course of the project, additional project updates and announcements will be posted to the Village's website at www.barrington-il.gov.



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Barrington is a beautiful, historic suburb that takes pride in its hometown charm and small-town heritage. More than 300 unique shops and restaurants are clustered in five distinct retail areas. The Village Center is the heart of town, with its stately Victorian homes, historic buildings, quaint shops, and restaurants for every palate.

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State of the Village: By The Numbers

Economic & Community Development

- 19 net new businesses
- 113 jobs created at Heinen's
- 9 jobs created at Ace Hardware
- 100 Cruise Night cars featured each week
- 120 artists displayed work at Art Festival
- 80 businesses displayed Scarecrows for Scarecrow Festival
- 45 merchants participated in Holiday Sweepstakes
- 14 shops and 5 restaurants participated in the November merchant-led Holiday Wine Walk
- 21,000 Calendar of Events distributed
- 21,000 Shopping and Dining Guides printed and delivered to area residents

Public Works

- 27th year as a Tree City USA
- 62 trees planted; 1,026 parkway trees trimmed; 243 dead trees (57 Ash) removed
- 1,570 tons of recyclable material collected
- 35,000 linear feet of sanitary sewer pipe cleaned
- 486 yards of wood chips chipped
- 978 fire hydrants received annual maintenance
- 20 snow and ice events handled

Engineering & Building

- 1.2 miles of Village Streets improved
- 2,800 yards of pavement patch on 27 streets
- \$58,500 grants used for installation of new crosswalk enhancements
- 703 building permits reviewed, approved and issued
- 1,916 building inspections

Community & Financial Services & Human Resources

- 4.02% increase in sales tax receipts for 2012
- 6,057 walk-in customers and 10,088 phone-in customers served
- \$10,000 cost saving in renewal telecommunications contracts

- \$26 average per household monthly savings with new electrical aggregation contract
- \$577,478 in interest payment savings with debt refinancing
- 28th year in a row receiving the Certificate of Achievement in Financial Reporting Award
- 9th year in a row receiving the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award
- 17.7% reduction in liability and workers compensation premiums for 2013 based on 2012 experience

Police

- 125 cases heard from August - December in new Administrative Adjudication process
- 4.71 on a 5 point scale customer satisfaction for Barrington Police Department
- 20,517 calls for service handled by Barrington Police
- 6.2% decrease in traffic accidents
- 8 months ahead of federal schedule for updating police radio network
- \$8,700 in unpaid accumulated parking fines collected

Fire and EMS

- 1910 calls received by Barrington Fire Department for EMS services, including 1,014 in the Village and 896 in the District
 - 6 patients who had return of spontaneous circulation at the hospital
 - 240 refusals of treatment
- 95 Fire Calls - 4 Village structure fires, 7 in the District, 84 other fire calls for Village and District - grass, dumpster, vehicle, appliances, etc.
- 110 outbound mutual aid for Fire and EMS to other jurisdictions
- 695 activated alarms, 8 of which were true fire alarm calls
- 352 inspections and 79 plan reviews
- 18,369 hours of training

Welcome Congressman Roskam

April 27, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

The Village would like to extend a warm welcome to Congressman Peter Roskam. Congressman Roskam has recently opened a satellite office at Barrington's Village Hall, 200 S. Hough Street. Please take this opportunity to visit and welcome him to Barrington. Congressman Roskam will be available for a meet and greet on Saturday, April 27th at the Village Hall from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

